

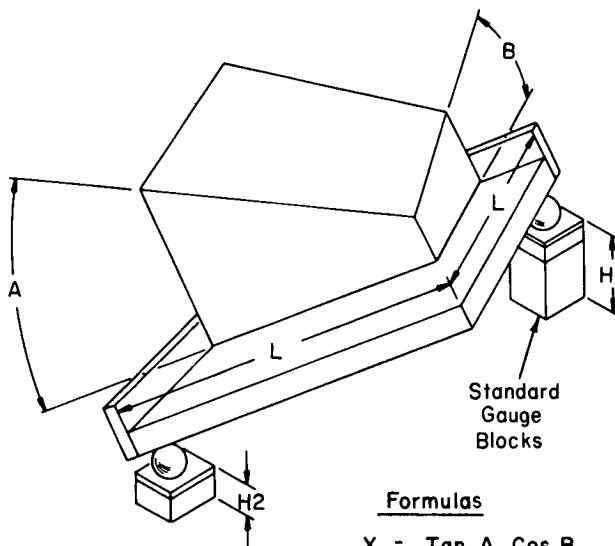
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Three-Point Compound Sine Plate Offers Cost and Weight Savings



A = Given Angle
B = Given Angle

HI } Height of Lift
H2 }

Note: HI & H2 Interchangeable for
Right or Left Hand Parts

Formulas

$$X = \tan A \cos B$$

$$HI = L \sqrt{\frac{X^2}{X^2 + 1}}$$

$$H2 = L (\sin B \cos A)$$

Current methods for rotation of calculated angles involve the use of a double hinged compound sine plate or sine bar and plate. These are heavy and bulky. The three-point sine plate is lightweight, weighing approximately 4 pounds as compared to 65 pounds for a comparable double hinged plate. The three-point sine plate is very compact.

The new fixture reduces set-up time through use of the same mathematical formulas for both right-hand and left-hand parts. The complexity of the relationships is less than that of current methods.

The time, weight and space savings add up to cost savings for designers and manufacturers of machine tools and measuring equipment.

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A new work piece adjustment fixture reduces the size, weight and set-up complexity of alignment platforms used in metal blank machining. The fixture is a sine plate aligning surface supported by a three-ball suspension unit.